

The Magic Library



Story starter.

The Great House had many hidden treasures. As a 10-year-old girl, many of the rooms were out of bounds for Elsa, but her desire for adventure often got the better of her...

She peeked back over her shoulder to check that the coast was clear. She could hear one of the butlers clattering around in the kitchens at the far end of the hall; no one knew she was there.

She carefully turned the ornate, golden door handle, hearing the mechanism inside clunk, and eased the heavy, wooden door open just enough to slip inside the room. Immediately, Elsa was bathed in light as it poured down from the high ceiling. She could see dust dancing in the beams of sunlight.

With a flutter of excitement inside her chest, she strode confidently into the centre of the room, her shoes click-clacking off the chessboard-like floor. She loved this library – it felt like she was surrounded by magic. How many lords and ladies had graced this great room? It has stood here for centuries, and Elsa doubted that little, if anything, had changed over the years.

Elsa loved reading, but that wasn't why she had come to the library. She approached one of the golden orbs lined up along the centre of the library floor, and carefully placed her finger on the top. It had worked last time. Would it work again? She longed for the magic to happen, and closed her eyes in silent prayer...

Continue the story.



Question time.

Sentence challenge.

These sentences are 'sick' and need your help to get better. Please help.

Elsa stood in the room. It was a big room, with rows of books and a nice floor. The ceiling was very high and it was very light.

- Why is Elsa in The Great House?
- Why are some rooms 'out of bounds' to her?
- What time of day do you think it is?
- How does Elsa feel as she enters the library?
- What is she hoping will happen in the library?
- What happened the last time she was here?
- Will anyone notice she has gone?



Grammar/punctuation challenge.

Verbs are action/doing words.

Identify all the verbs used below.

Elsa walked bravely across the floor. Light came down from the ceiling. She looked back over her shoulder to see if anyone was there.

Now replace them with more interesting verbs.

Picture it

Draw a picture of what will happen whilst Elsa is in the library.